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SUBJECT:

PRIME MINISTER DISCUSSES ESF, ELECTIONS, SINAI DEVELOPMENT, AND POST SAID EXPANSION Classified By: Ambassador Margaret Scobey for reasons 1.4 (1). (C) Key Points: -- Prime Minister Nazif says the GOE will consider allowing international observers to participate in upcoming elections, 2.(SBU) The Ambassador called on Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif on October 5 and discussed a wide-range of issues, including the state of Egyptian 3. (C) The Ambassador told Nazif that she continues to discuss the future of ESF with Minister of International Cooperation (MIC) Fayza Aboulr 4. (C) Nazif said he is still for a new approach on ESF, one that differs from past program-specific funding. He agreed that, so long as there 5. (C) Nazif expressed his desire that future ESF focus on education, particularly for supporting study in the U.S. He added that study in the 6. (C) The Ambassador told Nazif that she has also discussed with Aboulnaga the issue of U.S. assistance in the Sinai, particularly how best t 7. (C) The Ambassador reviewed with Nazif some of themes of President Obama's Cairo Speech, particularly science and technology in education, 8. (C) The Ambassador raised the issue of People's Assembly and Shura Council elections in 2010 and the Presidential election in 2011 and said 9. (C) The Ambassador also asked Nazif to consider the participation of international election monitors in the upcoming elections. Nazif repli 10. (SBU) Nazif began by mentioning his October 4 tour with President Mubarak of ongoing construction at Port Said. He said that Port Said is